



Trinity Church

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

building God's Church...blessing our community

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....BASED ON: ISAIAH 11:1-10,
PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19, ROMANS 15:4-13, MATTHEW 3:1-12

We have come to worship the Lord, the God of all nations.

The righteous and faithful judge, Christ the coming King.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding rests upon him.

Under his reign righteousness will flourish and peace will fill the earth.

The Spirit of counsel and might rests upon him.

He will judge the poor with equity and compassion, defending the cause of the needy.

The Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord rests upon him.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In those days the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

The calf and the lion together, and a little child shall lead them.

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

Repent and bear fruit for the coming Kingdom of God.

Christ is coming! May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we worship.

May we abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*DOXOLOGY

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

*INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE**GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY & MUSIC: BOB KAUFMAN

Glory be to God on high Let peace on earth descend
God comes down before our eyes To Bethlehem
God invisible appears Endless ages wrapped in years
He has come who cannot change And Jesus is His name

Emptied of His majesty He comes in human form
Being's source begins to be And God is born
All our griefs He'll gladly share All our sins He'll fully bear
He will cover our disgrace And suffer in our place

Let the joyful news ring out The Prince of Peace proclaim
Lift your heart and voice to shout Immanuel's name
God has kept His promises What a work of grace this is
Son of Mary, chosen One The Lamb of God has come

**Hosanna, hosanna The Lamb of God has come
Hosanna, hosanna He is the promised One**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**.....THE APOSTLES CREED¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell²; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING.....2 SAMUEL 3

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century. ² By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

HYMN OF ADORATION.....O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

O come, all you unfaithful; come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying
Come, see what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Lord, we have not kept watch for you.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people
around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us
for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**EPHESIANS 2:4-5

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**IMMANUEL

WORDS & MUSIC: STUART TOWNEND

From the squalor of a borrowed stable By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal Came the Savior of the human race
But the skies were filled With the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath He fights for me Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing in the place of honor Crowned with glory on the highest throne
Interceding for His own beloved 'Til His Father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the bride will run to her lover's arms Giving glory to Immanuel

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE MICHAEL SALLEY

SERMON.....ISAIAH 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SERMON NOTES

MIGHTY GOD

ISAIAH 9:6

GOD:

MIGHTY:

3 ENEMIES

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**.....LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Plan to stay after worship today as we elect trustees and review the 2024 church budget. No officers will be elected this year.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE PATRICK'S TONIGHT

We will gather at the Patrick's home at 6 pm today for a Christmas Open House. If your last name starts with A through L, please bring a savory dish. If your last name starts with M through Z, please bring something sweet.

DONATE ITEMS TO DAZZ ANGEL TREE

We have an opportunity to bless mothers and babies through our DAZZ Angel Tree again this year. Please take one or more angels from the tree, go shopping, and **return the items to the church by next Sunday, December 17**. Please do not wrap your gift, but do attach the angel tag. Needed items include formula, baby wash, baby lotion, infant socks, and sippy cups. DAZZ is a medical pregnancy center and Christian ministry that serves young women, babies, and families. Since opening in Orangeburg in 2014, DAZZ has helped more than 1,000 women who were at risk for abortion choose life for their babies.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Stan and Connie Beasley - serving with MTW as mobilizers to identify and develop new missionaries.

Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Point Hope Presbyterian, Daniel Island; Rob Hamby, church planter

TRINITY FAMILY

Herb Tait and family: in the loss of Mrs. Betty Tait

Susan Gonzalez: recovering after surgery to repair broken jaw and teeth, on liquid diet for six weeks

Wayne Walling: released home from rehab, undergoing outpatient infusion therapy at MUSC Orangeburg

Frank Myers: recovering from knee replacement surgery

Karla Lambrecht: recovering from knee surgery

Dan Steffen: recovering from back surgery

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee surgery, pray for balance issues when she walks

Theresa Hickson: clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor
 Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students
 Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry
 Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist
 Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant
 Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper

ELDERS

Michael Salley
 Alan Ulmer
 Woody Watford

DEACONS

Les Carter
 Jeff Folk
 Wayne Walling
 Jeff Watford

DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks,
 Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

CALENDAR

SUN 12/10	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPEN HOUSE AT THE PATRICK'S
TUES 12/11	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/12	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 12/17	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 SAMUEL 4	2 SAMUEL 5	2 SAMUEL 6	2 SAMUEL 7	2 SAMUEL 8	2 SAMUEL 9

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HERE!

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